ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A molybdenum silicide type-heating element and a method of manufacturing a heating element of the molybdenum silicide type. The heating element contains substantially $Mo(Si_{1-x}\ Al_x)_2$ and Al_2O_3 and is prepared by mixing a molybdenum aluminum silicide-type material $Mo(Si_{1-y}Al_y)_2$ with SiO_2 , wherein the SiO_2 has a purity of at least 98%.